bands to be deterred by a little thing

like that, and we proceeded to the end

without interference. I never saw such

craven cowards as the men are in this

camp. When I got through and went

to take a collection they turned their

backs, and actually ran like a drove of

sheep, they were so afraid some one

would see them giving money. I re-

ceived 85 cents, and one man bought a

25 cent package of books. What else

could one expect though. Every one that

works & forced to join the mine owners'

'industrial union", to take out cards,

practically in the mine owners' associa-

tion, and are compelled to attend the

meetings once a month. Wages are \$3

and \$3.50 instead of being straight \$3.50

The next day I was astonished at see

ing the evidences of good will that were

extended to me. Dr. Machette, one of

the men who forced the marshal to quell

disturbance, a democrat and one of the

delegates to the convention that meets

at Coeur d'Alene City, August 6 invited

me to his home to luncheon, and to meet

some friends, drove me to the train and

sked his wife to go to Harrison with

me, inviting me to stop with them if I

should ever come to Wardner again.

The democrats seem friendly to us, es-

pecially the ladies showed great interest,

and when they learned of the field of

subjects that the socialist movement

covers, expressed a desire for woman's

afternoon meetings. My dates pre ::ude.1

ne from taking advantage of these invi-

tations, but should I ever be able to go

there again, I feel assured of at least an

intelligent hearing to the doctrine of

Mrs. Lewis' Report.

"I only held one metting in Belt as

I felt the need of a day's rest; so I

came to Great Falls and was present at

the meeting of the Woman's club Wed-

nesday. My sales in Stockett came to

\$5. My sales in Great Falls Saturday

night \$12; Sunday \$17.55; Monday \$6.60.

My sales for five days in Great Falls

were \$52.75. If I have good points for

the next twelve days I will be able to

Mrs. Lewis sends in the following re-

port of her sales of literature in Butte

Literature sales at eight consecutive

166 Lewis-Harriman Debate, 16.60; 7

meetings in Butte, Montana, July 17-24.

Germs of Mind in Plants, 3.50: 65 Social-

Anaconda street meetings July 26-29:

33 Lewis-Herriman Debate, 3.30; 29

Day of Judgment, 2.90; 6 World's Revo-

lution, 3.00; 5 Evolution of Man, 2.50;

1 Science and Life, 5c. Total 12.25.

Number of pieces sold, 75. Total sales

for 10 meetings \$104.70.

sold 893.

as in union camps.

## CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention of the Socialist Party of Montana is hereby called to meet in Helena August 22nd 1906 at 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and associate justice and the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

The representation will be as follows: One Delegate from each Local and one additional Delegate for every ten members in good standing in month of July.

> T. J. ROONEY, Chairman. JAS. D. GRAHAM, Secretary.

for more speakers.

Comrade Brunner of Ovando sends in 75 cents for dues.

Comrade Pennicott, of Livingston, sends in two subs for the News.

W. E. Craggs sends in a check for five subs and says "Everything looks good for the party in this county for Social-

Mrs. Margaret Palsgrove sends in \$6 for due stamps. She informs us the Great Falls subscribers are having considerable trouble getting their papers.

Comrade Rector sends \$10 for organization work, \$1 for press fund and \$2.50 for literature for George Dutch. \* Comrade Dutch is enquiring for papers and literature in Hungarian and Slavonian.

Comrade Hiram Platt of Local Como orlers ten subs from now until election, which he is going to put in a box on the road with a sign for the travelers, "Take One." We commend this as an excellent idea and worthy of imitation.

Comrade H. Lloyd, of Pony, sends in a sub and relates the following:

"About ten days ago I shipped 2,075 pounds of ore to the Helena sampling works. I weighed my ore at the depot and it weighed just 2,075 pounds. They reweighed it at the works at Helena and harged me \$2.50 for reweighing my ore, How is this? Yours for honesty,"

Comrade E. G. Miller, of Havre, writes aying that they will make an effort at that point to get Mrs. Lena Morrow ewis into Chinook. He informs us p a county ticket, and that they are corresponding with the Socialists of the county with the view of having a county convention soon.

subscription and a letter from E. D. Barker.

Comrade Barker lived in Montana during the regime of Marcus Daly when he was a staunch Democrat. He says: "I am now a Socialist and my only 'esire is to live long enough to see a ocialist occupying the presidential

We just heard an interesting incident connected with one of Ben Wilson's meetings in Gilt Edge. There was a how in town that night and Ben took is place near the Opera house before how time and opened up with all his ocialistic guns. Show time came and the people gathered in a great crowd, but ot for the show. Ben proved a bigger entertainment than a whole minstrel how and soon had all the show people listening until he got through.

Comrade Joe Friell, of Chestnut, writes crowing.

...... Ezra Olson, of Kendall, writes asking concerning Wilson's meeting there, "Ben Wilson has been here and the slaves all know it. Hall was packed full and everybody listened attentively. Ben is certainly all right. Would liked to have had him two nights. The movement is growing in Chestnut. We are making Socialists every day. The collection was

> Local Fridley is a new branch added to the growing Montana organization. Comrade Mabie sends in application for the charter signed by twelve men and women and says, "Fridley starts off with twelve members and good ones, too. Had a good meeting; better than I expected. considering it is having time. Mrs. Eva M. Wells was elected secretary and J. W. Roach organizer, and we will meet at the Well's ranch Sunday, August 12, and complete organization." Ben Wilson was the speaker at the meeting and his inspiring address helped make the organizing a success.

> Comrade Rector of Monarch, who has just returned from an eastern vacation, is in the harness again and the plans he is putting into execution to raise funds for the "News" and party are worthy of imitation. He says:

> "I have started a press fund list with Comrade English in the Kibbey district and I have one here. Each of these lists are headed by \$50. We want to give all the Comrades and sympathizers a chance to donate in the great cause. Soon as the lists are in will forward to

Comrade Rector had quite an experience in the east at Canton, Illinois, and vicinity, with the Socialist organization and assisting in propaganda work. At Smithfield he introduced Socialism and the speaker, and a remarkable meeting followed.

A Comrade sends us in the election returns from Stevensville upon the Stevensville water franchise, which is as ful days of the strike, and since the sysfollows: Ward one, 16 against and 15 tem of peonage has been established From far off Manatee, Florida, comes a for; Ward two, 23 again t and 2 for. So we lost, or rather Stevensville lost, as it will learn later. Nothing but experience will educate people who will vote away a franchise which has no stipulated price and prohibits the people from running open ditches, and grants an exclusive water monopoly for almost nothing. The Stevensville Register grew hysterical over our unexpected advent into the field and wrote a column editorial which consisted principally of gulps of surprise and chunks of astonishment at our audacity, but not a single denial of our assertion that the editor of the Register had lied. The North West Tribune says this about our ar-

"The only way Steve could keep that schathing editorial by the editor of the Montana News down was by taking a drink on it. She knocked his two-sided statements into splinters."

So, after all, we feel mightily like

Mrs. Hazlett's Report.

Friday, July 27 .- I went from Mullan to Wallace, Idaho,. At Wallace there is a good bunch of comrades. Comrade Stache is secretary of the local, and county treasurer of the party, and his barber shop is the revolutionary center in Wallace. He is ably assisted by Comrade Piper, the other man in the shop, who extended me the hospitality of his home. A crowd of five or six hundred people were gathered on the street in evening. I had been talking half an hour when all the lights were cut off, and the city remained in darkness till after I got through, when the lights were turned on. One of the comrades stated that he saw Sheriff Sutherland speak to the mayor, and then step into the hotel and telephone, when the lights immediately went out. I was due to speak next night at Burke, but of course we were in no mood to be crushed by darkness in that way, so I postponed the Burke meeting one night. Saturday night Wallace is filled with miners from the surrounding camps, and I was anxious to see whether they would leave the town and their trade in darkness in order to shut out a socialist speaker. Everything was peaceably though, the lights shone undisturbed, an immense crowd was iin atendance, and socialism had its innings in the Coeur d'Alene once more. Wallace collections, \$2, subs sold 13, books \$6.75.

Sunday night the meeting was held at Burke. Secretary Hutchinson of the miners' union there had the matter in charge. This is the union that Vincent St. John is president of. He and Hutchinson, through earnest and persistent work, have succeeded in making it one of the most aggressive organizations in the northwest. It disseminates socialist teaching and stands pat on the proposition, and the vote shows that these western union men are not socialists with their tongues merely. The official elction returns stood second in per cent of its socialist vote in the United States, Cook County, Illinois, (Chicago) standing

We had a fine meeting in the union hall, collections, \$21.55. The comrades like a long-drawn breath of freedom to month." know that liberty is not yet dead in the hearts of the workers of the Coeur d'Alene. The next point was Lane, a and Anaconda: country point in the midst of a farming and logging community. Here word had not been received in time, no advertising had been done, and the meeting was midst of his harvest, and Comrade Slizer, 14 Day Judgment, 1.40; 2 Intro. to Soa merchant of the place, did what cialism, 20; 53 Evolution of Man, 26.50; he could: but the general attitude to- 5 Science and Revolution, 2.50: 13 wards the socialists is one of distrust World's Revolution, 6.50: 1 End of and animosity, and we need to do vig- World, 50e; 1 Triumph of Life, 50e; 36 they need ten days at least to advertise 55c; 45 sets of 6 Pocket Library (.25) gh the country among the farmers \$11.25. Total \$92.54. Number of and the logging camps.

Wardner was the next point. No so cialist has spoken here since the dreadamong the miners. It is the banner scab town of the northwest. Simpkins, the last secretary of the union, is branded and advertised like a felon, and a price set on his head. His description hangs in the post-office. Think of that, working men, you who think you run the government. The comrades feared for my safety in going into this place, and a conference took place as to whether armed men should go with me, prepared for emergencies. I told them we would stand upon constitutional right, and make a test of the case if necessary.

Comrade Hutchinson came over from Burke though. The proprietors of the Hotel Spokane, where I stopped, showed me every possible courtesy. When evening came I mounted my chair in front of the hotel and stated to the crowd that soon gathered around me, that I was there to speak in behalf of one of the three parties that had tickets in the field for the fall elections. I had hardly got started till a deafening din came up the street proceeding from a platoon of boys armed with big horns. I called upon the marshal to protect the meeting as it was held under right guaranteed by the state law. I was told that be said he would not interfere, but would let the boys go on. A groveling cur named Johnson, who keeps a cigar store, and a side liner for the underworld, a Spanish war veteran, one Ford, long since lost to all sense of what constitutes man, were the instigators of the disturbance. Johnson furnished the borns and Ford was caught red-handed paying the boys. The plan was, as we ofterwards learned, to march down on each side of me, and jerk the chair from under me. But I had friends in the crowd who were awaiting developments, and this time it was the democrats. Several prominent ones went to Decker, the chicken-hearted marshal, and toli him order and decency had to be preserved or they would preserve it themselves. So this minion of "law and order" told the boys to "cut it out." A band played its most strenous from that on. We learned that this band practised twice a week, and this was an off night, but many insisted that that interruption was not planned. It might not have been. So cialists are too used to talk against brass

Wilson's Report.

Closed a successful tour in and around Dietz, Wyo., where for a week I had good crowds, all of whom were deeply interested in the meeting.

the record of crime and murder of the erature. devil of capitalism.

Saturday night I spoke at Roberts. present and Sunday night I returned to attended and deep interset was shown. Many of those who listened were Fins probably all of whom are good loyal comrades. Their loyalty and incessant agi well take a lesson from them.

Monday night I had an excellent meeting at the Valley school house, six miles below Red Lodge. Comrades Northy and Maryott advertised the meeting well Comrades Lloyd and Phillips. amongst the farmers who, although they were very busy haying, attended the meeting and filled the school house. It would be easy to effect a new organization there later.

Tuesday I returned to Billings and had another good street meeting. The citizens' alliance is proving an added stimulus to our movement in Billings. If the alliance continues in its good work you need not send many more speakers entertained me like a princess, and it is go over the \$200 mark in sales for the there as all Billings practically will be members in good standing in the socialist party. Listen and you will hear something drop in Billings election day.

I arrived here last night. Comrade Mabie met me at the train. We drove to his ranch-Oasis Ranch-and by the way it is well named. If we had more of such places to lead the socialist agiparetically a failure. Comrade Reed, a ist Movement, 6.50; 100 Militia Bill, tator to occasionally, the life and spirits ranchman, did what he could, right in the \$5.00; 89 Science and Life, (Ferri) \$4.45; of many a weary speaker would be greatly renewed. Mabie is a host in

Our meeting at Fridley last night did no harm. We organized a local of twelve members. So here's one more link in orous work there. Comrade Reed says Cartoon Postals, 60e; 11 Pocket Library the chain for the co-operative common-

return to Livingston tomorrow.

Comrade Jesse Selby writes from Great Falls to the effect that they will take Comrade McGrady at Luther's hall, Sunday, August 12th, at 8 p. m., and orders more literature for the local meetings at Union hall, Sunday evenings.

Latiner's Report.

This has been a strenuous week. There was no meeting advertised at Bozeman no Socialists to be found and no workingmen in sight. In the average town I arrived at Red Lodge Friday July 27 mit that they are workingmen, but The meeting was announced for the with Bozeman, it is different; there are street but brief and little advertising tonsorial artists, constructural archiprevented many from knowing about the knights of the brush, and similar profesmeeting, besides several of the local tects, operators of engine establishments, workers had an engagement out of town sionals, but no workingmen. At 8 p. m. that night-these together with other with Comrades Corrigan, Frazier and circumstances were quite against the another Comrade, I went to the principal success of the meeting. However, a fair- corner and found a deserted street, as ly good crowd assembled and deep inter- quiet as a cemetery, not a person in est was manifested. We have several sight. Bozeman is like Big Timber; good comrades in the Red Lodge move- there is nothing to hammer at, no proment who are actively at work, but at letariat to work on. At Belgrade I got present the atmosphere of the town is out some bills and advertised a meeting; quite depressed because of the recent had a pretty fair crowd; considerable sad catastrophe in the mine, where sev- interest was evinced but no one to go eral of capitalism's slaves lost their lives ahead and push the work as Comrade in their master's mine, and many were Chelgren is away a good portion of the seriously wounded and maimed possibly time and will leave for the Isle of Pines for life. This is but a little addition to in a month. Sold 85 cents worth of lit-

At Norris and at the Madison river Power Company's dam had meetings of A good crowd of interested people were considerable interest. Not many from Noris were present Friday evening as Red Lodge where we had a second street they are out in the hills and on their meeting. This meeting was quite largely ranches. Receipts were \$3.45. At Pony I advertised meeting and had an attendance of 150; subs. \$1; literature ten cents. Next evening a large crowd was waiting when I came up town. Better tation together with their united stand attendance and good attention. Many at the ballot box are such that many of declared they had voted the old party the "natives" of free (?) America might tickets the last time, but material for a good solid local is scarce. Knudson Berry is prominent in the union and a declared Socialist now. Theo Bullard, blacksmith, is another, together with

Am stranded at Sappington with some 25 other passengers, not knowing when we will get away. Hope to get to Whitehall today. Virginia City, Tuesday; Ruby, Wednesday; Sheridan, Thursday; Twin Bridges, Friday. There is a big dredging crew at Ruby, so will take them in.



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